

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: GRIFFIN et al.)	
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Serial No.: 10/806,029)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: March 22, 2004)	
)	Examiner: EREZO, Darwin P.
For: "LANCING DEVICE WITH)	
DECOUPLED LANCET")	
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2007, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows and consider the remarks below. This Response is filed within the first month after the end of the three-month response period, so a one-month extension of time request and the requisite \$60 fee is enclosed. In the event that any further extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor.

After this Response, there are 18 claims total (20 were previously paid for), of which 3 claims are independent (3 were previously paid for). So no fee is due for net addition of claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1513.